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PARTS, FROM A METALLIC MELT, IN PARTICULAR A LIGHT MOLTEN METAL, WHICH TAKES PLACE IN A CONTINUOUS CYCLE

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on December 28, 2007 for which the shortened statutory period was set to expire on March 28, 2008. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time until Monday June 30, 2008 and authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$1,050.00 three-month extension fee to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081. In the event any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No.: 50-3081.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response, in which:

- Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2;
- Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3;
- Amendment to the Drawing begin on page 8; and
- Remarks begin on page 9.